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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

A computer-readable medium encoded with a data structure 1. (Currently amended) formatted according to extensible markup language (XML) including data representative of a canonical UI description of a device to be controlled for use by a universal console, said universal console operable to receive at least one user preference for rendering said UI description, wherein said UI description comprises:

- (1) action-commands to which said device responds, and
- (2) descriptors for display rendering a user interface on said universal console, said descriptors providing [[a]] at least one prompt for a user to select at least one of said actioncommands, wherein said at least one prompt is selected in accordance with said at least one user preference.
- The computer-readable medium encoded with the data 2. (Previously presented) structure according to claim 1, wherein said canonical UI description includes a representation associated with a parameter for choosing one element a from a set A.
- 3. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium encoded with the data structure according to claim 2, wherein said canonical UI description includes a representation associated with a parameter for selecting a subset A' from a set A.
- The computer-readable medium encoded with the data 4. (Previously presented) structure according to claim 1, wherein said canonical UI description includes a representation associated with a parameter for selecting one from the group of True/False, Off/On, OK/Cancel and Yes/No.
- The computer-readable medium encoded with the data 5. (Previously presented) structure according to claim 1, wherein said canonical UI description includes a representation associated with a parameter for selecting an integer n in the range n_1 through n_2 , with increment δ.